



# WELCOME TO BRIDGEHAUGH

**FOSROC SUPER6 SPRINT SERIES  
23RD APRIL 2022**



**STIRLING  
COUNTY** v



**AYRSHIRE  
BULLS**

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STIRLING COUNTY

- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cameron MacMillan  | 9. Finlay Burgess     |
| 2. Angus Fraser       | 10. Marcus Holden (C) |
| 3. George Breese      | 11. Walter Fifita     |
| 4. James Pow          | 12. Craig Jardine     |
| 5. Adam Sinclair      | 13. Ben Salmon        |
| 6. Hamish Ferguson    | 14. Ratu Tagive       |
| 7. Connor Gordon (C)  | 15. Logan Trotter     |
| 8. Callum Cruickshank |                       |

16. Gregor Hiddleston

17. John McKenna

18. Cairn Ramsay

19. Harris McLeod

20. George Arnott

21. Harry Russell

22. Euan Cunningham

23. DJ Innes



## AYRSHIRE BULLS

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ali Rodgers            | 9. Jordan Lenac        |
| 2. Grant Stewart          | 10. Christian Townsend |
| 3. Enrique Pieretto       | 11. Aaron Tait         |
| 4. Ewan Bulger            | 12. Tom Jordan         |
| 5. Alex Samuel            | 13. Andy Stirrat       |
| 6. Edward Bloodworth (VC) | 14. Elias Caven        |
| 7. Lewis McNamara         | 15. Liam McNamara      |
| 8. Blair Mcherson (C)     |                        |

16. Alex McGuire

17. Thomas Lambert

18. Calvin Henderson

19. Gav Wilson

20. Joe Knight

21. Cam Jones

22. Matt Minogue

23. Finlay Callaghan



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all to our first home Super6 fixture of the season at Bridgehaugh, as part of the FOSROC Super6 Sprint campaign. A warm welcome to all our visitors and spectators to Bridgehaugh and we extend a warm welcome to all from Ayr and their Ayrshire Bull's representatives, including President Stewart Kerr and colleagues.

Ayrshire Bulls won their first game against Boroughmuir Bears, 24-17, in a bruising and cracking encounter at Millbrae, last Friday evening. The Bulls opened the Sprint Series with a bonus-point win over Boroughmuir Bears, although the Bears left Millbrae with a hard-earned losing bonus point thanks to a last-gasp consolation score by their centre, Robbie McCallum.

It was also good to see lock, Alex Samuel, back in action for the Bulls and ex-County players, Ruairidh Swan and Wallace Nelson, in action for the Bears. County lost narrowly, 26-24, to Watsonians at Myreside last Saturday. Head Coach Ben Cairns comments of this being "a little bit of déjà vu in terms of the start of last season", and those tight games not going County's way is very apt. Consistency and better discipline are necessary when you want to win, so let's hope we can improve on both for this fixture.

As President, it's pleasing to note that 41% of the squad played youth rugby at County, probably the highest percentage in the competition. With an emphasis on giving young players the opportunity to play in the Sprint Series, we have 11 out of the total squad, who are all U20. My congratulations to both Callum Beckett and Ben Salmon, who have both stepped into our S6 squad after doing really well for the Wolves.

Our next FOSROC Super6 Sprint Series fixture is away, against the Southern Knights, on Friday 29th April, at The Greenyards. The next home fixture is on Friday 6th May with a 7.45 pm kick-off.

Today's game is being streamed live on the BBC Sport website, BBC iPlayer and Scottish Rugby's website.

Like all clubs, we remain indebted to our sponsors and advertisers, without whose invaluable regular support we would have difficulty running an all-inclusive rugby club for the benefit and enjoyment of all players and members of our community, no matter their ability, age, or background. I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, particularly our main sponsor, Wolfcraig. Wolfcraig is a new distillery that is being built at Craigforth in Stirling next year. The Wolfcraig whiskies will be original creations from two heavyweights in the Scottish whisky industry and will use the rich natural resources of the Stirling area. Wolfcraig is keen to become an active and positive part of the local community and will be taking steps to support its development.

Our thanks also go to shirt sponsors Douglas Park Stirling, Johnston and Carmichael, and Belhaven. A welcome to all companies and individuals who have taken a table at the hospitality, folks enjoy your rugby and your day.

To all our visitors, members, and supporters of the club please enjoy the rugby today, and keep on coming back to Bridgehaugh.

*John T. Gibson*

**John Gibson**  
President, Stirling County R.F.C. 2021 – 2022

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# COACHES' VIEW

After such a tough loss to take last weekend at Myreside it is great to be looking forward to our first home match of the season at Bridgehaugh. Last week could have gone either way. With five minutes to go, five metres out from the Watsonians line and one point up on the scoreboard, we were looking like coming away with a bonus point win but ultimately our lack of clarity and accuracy really hurt us, and we'd given them an opportunity to win the match at the death. There has been some tough reviews this week however you tend to learn more from these kinds of defeats, whilst winning may have papered over the cracks. We have made huge strides through pre-season and can take a lot of confidence in how close we ran the team who normally sets the pace in the competition. Setting the pace however is exactly what you need to do in a Sprint Series. We have four more matches to ensure we finish in the top three for the playoffs and therefore this week's match is massive for us.

We are fortunate to have three home matches out of five in the FOSROC Sprint Series and we are looking to make that advantage count both on the field and off it. It should be a great day at the club. There's been a big focus on how we improve our match day experience and the off-field team, led by Daryn Cochrane our Commercial Manager. We have made some excellent steps in this regard. With a new tannoy system, cheerleaders, live music, street food, an inflatable park, face painting and our mascot, Wolfie, in attendance there will be a great atmosphere and fun for all the family. It's a special place to be when Bridgehaugh is bouncing, and I know how much the boys thrive off that support.

We have a young group bursting with potential and who are really connected with the club and the area. We hope this comes through in our performance and know the boys will be doing everything they can to make it another special day at Bridgehaugh.

**Ben Cairns**  
Head Coach - Super6 Stirling County

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## BEN SALMON

**POSITION:** CENTRE  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 13/11/03  
**BORN:** PERTH

Ben began playing rugby at Hillfoots RFC when he was 9 years old. Having enjoyed it, he started playing at school the following year and continued up until leaving last year. During this time he was in the U16 Caledonia squad and progressed to the U16 Glasgow Warriors squad, before reaching the U16 Scotland Blues squad which toured Wales for 2 weeks. He was then invited to go to Valladolid in Spain with the Scotland U17's. Ben was included in the Scotland U18's extended training squad before lockdown hit, with Covid also resulting in him missing his final year of school boy rugby.

After leaving school, he started training with County straight away and joined the Wolves squad for that season. He then got selected this season for the Scotland U20's squad after playing for Glasgow Warriors U20's, however, didn't get any game time in the 6 Nations campaign. Ben has recently been given a place in the Scotland 7s extended squad for their training games in Cardiff.

"I'm looking forward to what will be my first Super6 season and I'm excited to be involved in a high performance environment which will put my skills under pressure. Having been a part of the club already, it's clear to see how close the Super6 team are as a group and so I'm looking forward to feeling that strong sense of camaraderie amongst the team."





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## **INDIVIDUALS**

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Visit our website to see our full list of County Kickbacks currently available. More businesses will be added as and when they sign up.



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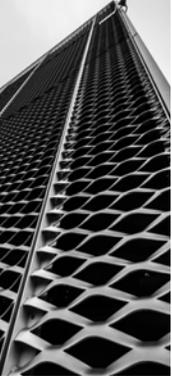
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